other Non-aligned countries, for the attainment of an equitable and just world order.

Plight of Indian Doctors in Canada

1518. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Indian Doctors who went to Canada, are working as cable drivers and as gas station attendants and if so, what are the details;

(b) wheher they resorted to hunger strike at Vancouver and Montreal cities to protest against the cumbersome licensing procedure and if so, what are the details; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent the discrimination against the Indian doctors in Canada?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government are aware that doctors of Indian origin are working in otherf professions, pending the acceptance of their applications for grant of internship. Such applications can take from five to six years to materialise because of the limited availability of positions in Canadian teaching hospitals.

(b) A group of doctors of several nationalities including some of Indian origin, resorted to hunger strikes in Montreal (in 1989) and Vancouver (in 1990).

(c) As far as Government are aware, these doctors of Indian origin have taken un Canadian citizenship and are thereby subject o federal and State regulations and procedures prevalent in Canada. This is the problem faced by doctors of several nationalities who hold foreign medical degrees and we are not aware of any discrimination specifically directed against doctors of Indian origin.

Complaints against ..arbitrary hike in .. taxi fares

1519. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been persistent complaints from the passengers regarding arbitrary pre-paid taxi fare hikes by the Traffic Police and irrational delineation of zones in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined these complaints; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Delhi Police have received some complaints of this naturefrom the passengers. The Delhi Police have enquired into every such complaint under intimation to the complainant.

In view of the complaints that have been received, the following steps are being taken by the Delhi Police:—

(i) The Delhi Police are dropping the Zone System and the systems of Colony distance is being introduced.

(ii) The fare charges are displayed at prominent places near the booth.

Dissolution of "Warsaw Pact" and "COMECON"

1520. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the "Warsaw Pact" and "COMECON" have been dissolved; and

(b) if so, its effect on the non-alignment movement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Opposition to military blocs has been a part of the concept of non-alignment which stands vindicated by the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact. The dissolution of COMECON will have no effect on the movement.

New methods adopted by Pak-trained militants to infiltrate into the border areas

1521. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan-trained militants have adopted new methods to infiltrate into the country by crosing the Sriganganagar border in Rajasthan undetected by the B.S.F.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Grvernment to check the same and to identify their contacts of the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No particular new methods of infiltration, being adopted by the intruders, which cannot be countered by the BSF, have come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not possible to estimate the number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border since any such estimate will be hypothetical. However, 7 infiltrators were apprehended by BSF on the International Border in Sriganganagar-Bikaner Districts of Rajasthan during 1991 (upto 30th June 1991).

(d) All possible measures have been taken by Government to check entry of infiltrators. More border out-posts have been established. Additional observation. post-towers have been constructed. BSF have been equipped with additional vehicles for intensive patrolling and sophisticated equipments like telescopic binoculors for detection of inflitrators.

Kashmiri militants on Indo-Pak border

1522. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India of May 18, 1991 to the effect that 5000 to 6000 trained Kashmiri militants were amassed along the border to be pushed into Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent them from carrying out their militant and terrorist designs and to keep a track on their movements; and

(c) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Besides, stepping up vigil on the border, dusk to dawn curfew has been clamped in the 5km. belt along the border and line of control, Intelligence set up has been beefed up, Distributed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act have been enforced in the border districts, Operations against infiltration are conducted by the Army, para military forces and the State Police in close co-ordination.